

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application. Claim 43 has been canceled to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 1-17, 19-32, 34-42, and 44-47 are pending, of which claim 44 has been amended. The amendment to claim 44 is simply to provide indicated allowable matter (*i.e.*, the matter of claim 44) in independent form, and is not to overcome prior art or any other objection.

Applicant's amendments after Final are appropriate under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because they are made to cancel claim(s) or to comply with requirements of form expressly set forth in the previous Office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-17, 19-32, 34-42, and 45-47 are each indicated as being allowable over the prior art of record (*Office Action* p.4). Claim 44 is indicated as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (*Office Action* p.4). Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability, and appropriate amendments to claim 44 have been provided herein.

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2 **Conclusion**

3 Pending claims 1-17, 19-32, and 34-47 are in condition for allowance.
4 Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claim 44 be withdrawn, and
5 that the subject application be issued. If any issues remain that preclude issuance
6 of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney
7 before issuing a subsequent action.
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10 Respectfully Submitted,

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